

Remarks

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Examiner has required Applicant to provide the status of parent priority applications. Applicant has no priority claims in the application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1 through 31 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 15, 19 and 23 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from Claims 1, 15, 19 and 23. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 24, 28 29 and 30. Applicant has cancelled claims 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22.

Rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Turau, Volker, "A Framework for Automatic Generation of Web-Based Data Entry Application Based on XML, "Proceeding of the 2002 ACM Symposium on Applied Computing, ACM Press, March 2002. Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's assertion.

Applicant's present invention describes an improved method and system for selecting rules that will validate information entered on an electronic form. The method and system of this invention will create a repository of electronic form validation rules from which the creator of an electronic form can select rules and corresponding software code to govern the validation of information entered on that form. In this invention, the user of the system can be a creator of an electronic form. Figure 10, step 82 shows the ability of the user to create a new rule. Applicant has amended claim 1 with the limitations from 11 to clarify the ability of the user to create an electronic form.

Turau does describe a method and system for web-based data entry on electronic forms. Applicant further admits that Turau incorporates some of the features described in Applicant's present invention. However, Applicant's present invention does contain and claim features not taught or described in Turau. Applicant's invention describes the use

of rules when entering data into electronic forms in a web-based environment. Applicant's invention enables a user to create a form if no form in the repository matches the user's objective. This newly created form can then be stored in the repository for future use by anyone needing that type of form. Present invention also provides the ability to have specialized repositories based on a particular subject matter. The specialized repositories could also be combined. For example, if one wanted to have rules related to the health care industry in a repository, they could connect to that section of the repository. However, the primary distinction of Applicant's present invention is this ability for a user to create a rule. The examiner asserts that Turau describes this ability for the user to create new rule. The examiner asserts that Listing 1 and the description of the Wizard, and the Wizard history object, permits a user to create a new rule. However, this description is not contained in Turau. Turau does not provide the option of the user to create a new rule when no rule is available. The examiner's comments seem to imply that a user can create a rule, but that description is not contained in Turau.

For Turau to anticipate Applicant's present invention, each claimed element of the invention must be described in the reference. Contrary to the examiner's statement that all elements are disclosed in the cited reference, element sending a query to the user to create a new rule when no rule matches the validation rule description and storing the created rule in the rules repository is not, so the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art of record (alone or in combination) teaches, discloses or even suggests the invention as recited in each of Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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